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1. "In 1952 the average monthly output of the Ural Tank Works No. 183 at Nizhni-Tagil was 600 tanks and self-propelling artillery platforms.

2. "The T-34 tanks of the 1952 output were armed with the 85-mm tank gun of the 1944 model. The technical specifications for this gun include:

Initial velocity = 792 meters/seconds

Recoil of gun tube = 300 mm

Rate of fire = up to ten shots per minute

The construction of the T-34 tank permits a shooting range for this gun of up to 5000 meters only.

3. "The recent models of the T-34 tank carry 60 shells (formerly 50), of which:

30 are armor-piercing shells BR-365

30 are splinter mine shells OF-365.

4. "The Works manufacture special armored tractors of the model T-34-T for the Soviet armed forces. In actual fact, these tractors are the chassis and armored body of the T-34 tank, without the tower or the gun. The T-34-T tractors are provided with special mechanisms for hauling out of ditches and bogs and for towing damaged tanks and all kinds of damaged combat artillery. The T-34-T tractor is provided with a winch and a steel rope with a capacity of up to 60 tons. The body of the T-34-T tractor has an armor of the following thickness:

Frontal part ~ 65 mm
Sides ~ 33 mm
Stern ~ 45 mm
Roof ~ 30 mm
Bottom ~ 30 mm."

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